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### **Minneapolis man pleads guilty to growing more than 800 marijuana plants**

A 54-year-old Minneapolis man pled guilty today in federal court to growing between 800 and 1,000 marijuana plants at two residences. Appearing before United States District Court Judge David S. Doty in Minneapolis, Donald Roy Letourneau pled guilty to one count of manufacturing 100 or more marijuana plants. Letourneau was charged on January 11, 2010.

In his plea agreement, Letourneau admitted he began growing marijuana in 2007 and continued to do so until February 5, 2009, when law enforcement executed search warrants at two residences owned by him. There, they recovered several hundred plants and evidence of an ongoing operation.

Letourneau faces a potential maximum penalty of 40 years in prison for his crime, with a mandatory minimum penalty of five years in prison. Judge Doty will determine his sentence at a future date.

This case is the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the West Metro Drug Task Force. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney LeeAnn K. Bell.